



We are called to be in relationship with God, with God's people
and with God's world every day.

Shepherd's Staff

Holy Shepherd Lutheran Church Newsletter



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Introducing Pastor Teri Hermsmeyer **Bridge Pastor**

Pastor Teri Hermsmeyer is joining the staff at Holy Shepherd as a "Bridge" Pastor with an interim call through the end of 2022. She is contracted with the church for part-time ministry and her call comes from the Rocky Mountain Synod Council. She will be carrying out the usual word and sacrament duties of a pastor, with an emphasis on pastoral care, small groups and missions.

Teri Hermsmeyer lives in Boulder with her husband, Norris, of 37 years. They have three adult children in their 30s (MT, CA, and Littleton). They have been involved in global missions all of their married life (serving in other countries as well as hosting in their home.) These experiences have provided Pastor Teri a very open and receptive mind beyond our own country. Teri heard her call to ministry in mid-life, attending Iliff School of Theology while her children were in school, earned her MDIV from LTS-Gettysburg (now United Lutheran Seminary) and ordained in 2009. Due to her husband's real estate and property management business in Boulder (he's lived there 60+ years) Pastor Teri has taken on what she calls "Fill-in-the-Gap Ministry (someone needs to do it!)" in Colorado, Wyoming, and Utah, no call longer than three years. Her first call to Our Savior's in Anton, CO ended with closing this small rural church (a chaplain to a dying congregation/family). She also served at Eben Ezer Lutheran Care Center/All Saints Church in Brush; as a chaplain for Good Samaritan Medical Center in Lafayette; a 'bridge' pastor in LaSalle, CO; then as an intentional interim in Confer, CO, Logan, UT and Casper, WY (during Covid). For the last six months she has been helping with pastoral care/senior ministry work 15 hours a week with First Ev. Lutheran Church in Longmont.

Besides earning her MDIV, Pastor Teri is trained in Chaplaincy and Spiritual Direction, graduated from the Excellence in Leadership Program (that Pastor Julie coaches others in), and taken numerous other continuing education courses. Her ministry passion lies in worship leadership and pastoral care and enjoys leading and facilitating small groups. Her undergraduate degree is in Business: Accounting – so she understands church financial statements! She is an active member in her Boulder Flatirons Rotary Club, enjoys the outdoors, listens to audiobooks on walks (and drives), and works on all that goes with self-care and wellness (never ending). And yes, there is 'wasteful addictive' time with enjoying all kinds of puzzles and adult coloring, and keeping up with family on Facebook (and the rabbit hole that presents). Ministry with others brings her joy – and she looks forward to being in community and relationship with you all as you transition between pastors in a changing world!



Sunday Mornings

9:00am Adult Education



May 1st and 8th – Life and music of Johann Sebastian Bach - Leader: John Reed

We will hear just a “snippet” about the life and work of Johan Sebastian Bach. He is familiar to every student of piano and to every student of choral music. But he is especially familiar to us Lutherans.

May 15 – Take 2 on “They May not be coming back” - Leader: Pastor Julie

Based on the Living Lutheran article on post-COVID, hybrid, Age of Authenticity church. We’ll revisit the article and discussion about the core identity, church and future.

May 22, 29, June 5 and 12 - 24/6, The Case for Sabbath Leader: Pastor Julie

Our need for rest, renewal and reverence is built in to our very existence and practiced by the God who created us. In our 24/7 world, however, we find it difficult to remember and experience who we really are and who God really is- and yet our wellness and wholeness depends upon it.

10:00am

Worship with Holy Communion

1 service Only – In-Person

Fellowship Time –

Following Worship

**Gather for fellowship in the Narthex,
Fellowship Hall & Library to reconnect with others.**

Fellowship Hosts for May

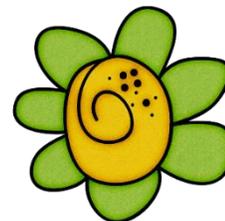
5/1: Judy Ekberg, Diane Jowell

5/8: Bonnie Yockstick, Emilee Johnson

5/15: Service Day

5/22: Bryan & Sandy Bennett

5/29: Michael & Susan Boehm



Holy Shepherd LIVE!

Live Streaming

**will begin approximately at 9:50am
on the Holy Shepherd YouTube channel**

Thank you!! Holy Week Worship Volunteers

Many thanks to those who volunteered to serve in a variety of ways to make Holy Week a meaningful and spiritual worship experience as we remember and reflect on Jesus’ love Greeters, ushers, assisting ministers, pastor, readers, musicians, altar guild, sound booth techs, fellowship hosts, worship planners, office staff . . . It truly was a village coming together for the greater good. *We are truly grateful for all of you sharing your gifts!*



Bringing Online Access to More Members of Holy Shepherd through Your Help

Caring contacts and calls have continued within the community of Holy Shepherd during the past two years. It has become apparent, however, that some members still cannot connect by watching worship online or by participating through Zoom.

You can help by sharing the following information:

- Who might **need/want a computer**- donated or just help purchasing- in order to be able to link into Holy Shepherd? Does this person need help learning to use it?
- Who might have devices that they **would donate**?
- Who would be willing to **train and troubleshoot** with people to utilize technology for participation in the church community?
- Finally, and most importantly, who would be willing to **coordinate this program**?

Through your input, we can put this program into a working process and seek appropriate funding to help our folks become linked.

Please contact Ann Austin at ann.austin@comcast.net.
(Or as backup, call her in the early afternoons at 303-232-9296.)

Small Groups Gathering

Please contact the church office for zoom links

Women's Early Afternoon Bible Study

Monday, May 9th at 1:00pm

Our last study before Summer break will be May 9 at 1:00 P.M. at the church. On May 23 we will have a gathering/picnic at a different location. Watch for updates.

Pat Mohrbacher 303-238-5179 or
pbmohrbacher@outlook.com

Men's Breakfast & Bible Study

Saturday Mornings, 8:00am Fellowship Hall
Bible Discussion & Fellowship.

Everyone is Welcome!!

Busy Bees

Meet every 2nd & 4th Tuesday
9:00am – noon

Meet in the rooms west of the Library

Busy Bees is a ministry that creates quilts to be given to the ELCA World Relief. Volunteers are always welcome to assist in a variety of ways with their quilting projects. Group meets year round.

Contact: Diane Jowell 720-234-4323



Prayer Group for Men and Women

Two Fridays Mornings a month at 10:00am
Next Meetings – May 13 & 27

Come and join us Friday mornings to discuss faith issues, share concerns, and to pray for our church, our nation, and personal needs. Our guidebook is "Traveling Light," which contains meditations on the 23rd Psalm by Max Lucado.

For a guidebook or questions contact
Pat Mohrbacher 303-238-5179

Writer's Group

11:00am – 1:00pm

Thursday, May 5

Addenbrook Park or HS Library

All you need are a pen and paper to write about your life and thoughts, a subject you already know quite well.

Leader: Carol Rossini at carossini@comcast.net
or 303-989-9660.

Adult Lectionary Bible Study

ZOOM Thursday Mornings, 8:30am

Discuss & study upcoming Sunday lectionary readings.

Leader: Pastor Julie

Women's Morning Bible Study

Our next study will be Tuesday, May 17 at 10:00am

Darla Trahnstrom will be the study leader and Vera Crabb will bring refreshments for our May meeting.

We will take a break for the summer except for July. In July we will have a special study and luncheon.

Watch for details.



Book Club News

Tuesday, May 10th at 3:30 P.M.

The Great Alone, by Kristin Hannah

Kristin Hannah is the well known author of

The Nightingale and 20 other novels.

It is an interesting read about a Vietnam POW taking his family to an unknown area of Alaska to make a better life for them, with the hopes and possibility of "starting over" with a brighter future for them all.

Everyone interested in joining the discussions are always welcome.

Prayer Time

ZOOM Tuesdays 12:45pm

June Newsletter Article Deadline

May 20, 2022

Please submit your articles to
knovess@holyshepherd.com

Serving & Reaching Out To All

Mission Minded

The Mission Team invites you to a
Holy Shepherd

Celebration Dinner

May 7 at 6 pm in the Fellowship Hall.

A free will donation will be taken to benefit ELCA World Hunger.

Come enjoy some good food, fellowship and entertainment!



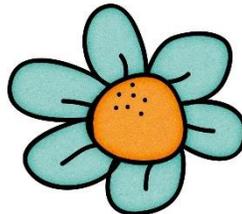
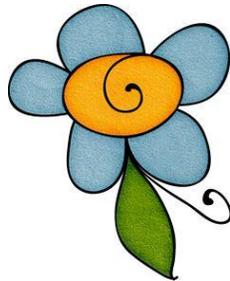
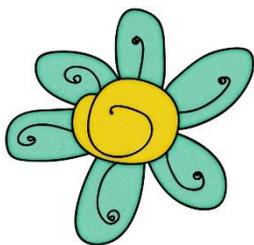
Service Day

brought to you by the Mission Team.

Sunday May 15th 11:00am – 1:30pm

Projects include blanket making, neighborhood clean up, prayer shawl group, making hygiene kits, sanctuary cleaning, washing artificial plants, letter writing to government leaders, writing cards to our home bound and care center members, and more.

A buffet lunch will be served from 11:30-1pm with service projects offered until 1:30pm.



BLOOD DRIVE UPDATE

Because of staff shortages at Vitalant, they are having fewer blood drives in 2022 and those reduced number of blood drive slots are already filled. In light of this situation, we have already submitted Holy Shepherd/LCM's preferred dates for 2023 blood drives.

We await Vitalant's 2023 Vitalant blood drive schedule. We would urge you to donate at any of Vitalant's nearby sites (see below) as soon as you become eligible.

5066 S. Wadsworth Blvd, Littleton, CO 80123
13952 Denver West Parkway, Golden, CO

If questions, call Jim Freeman, 303-986-3968.
Please leave a message.

A Food Bank for You!

There is a food bank in Lakewood that is for everyone!

There are people at

Christ The Answer (Church of Christ) who have a ministry of collecting throw-away food from local grocery stores every day,

and passing it on to anyone who wants it every Monday afternoon from 1:30 - 3:00. The food is dated and a bit "over-the-hill" but most of it is still very wholesome and nourishing and comes from Whole Foods, Sprouts, and other stores. It's food that "falls through the cracks" in our system because it's not quite fresh enough for most food banks.

There is always lots of food left over on Monday afternoons, so the people of Christ The Answer would like to get the word out to anyone who might like to take advantage of this amazing food source.

Christ the Answer is located on Ulysses Street. Turn right off of 6th Avenue just before you get to the "Taj Mahal" County Courthouse building complex (there is no light where you turn). Christ The Answer is located on the west side of Ulysses just a half block from 6th Avenue. The address is 1100 Ulysses St., Golden, 80401.

Questions? Call Pat Mohrbacher



KEEP YOUR INFORMATION CURRENT

Please call the church office to let us know:
If you have new contact information (Phone #, Email Address, etc)

Or any other changes like...

- * If you wish to stop receiving Offering Envelopes in the mail
- * Begin Simply Giving contributions
- * Change how you are receiving any information from the office

We want to keep in touch so give us a call at
303-233-2740

(Please leave a message if we miss your call)

Thank You

Thank you to **Sandy Bennett** who has volunteered to take care of the plants throughout the church building. We so appreciate her willingness to provide the on-going tender care and maintenance needed to keep these plants thriving.
Thanks much, Sandy!



Easter Plants

Fund Raiser for ELCA Disaster Response for Eastern Europe Crisis

Thank you to everyone who made a donation for a plant and thereby supporting this worthwhile cause. The donations raised from Easter plants as of April 22nd is \$670.00. The Year-to Date total that has been donated by members for the ELCA Disaster Response for the Eastern Europe Crisis in 2022 is \$4,125.00. The gifts designated for Eastern Europe Crisis Response are being used entirely (100%) to provide support for people impacted by conflict in the region.

Spring Arrives

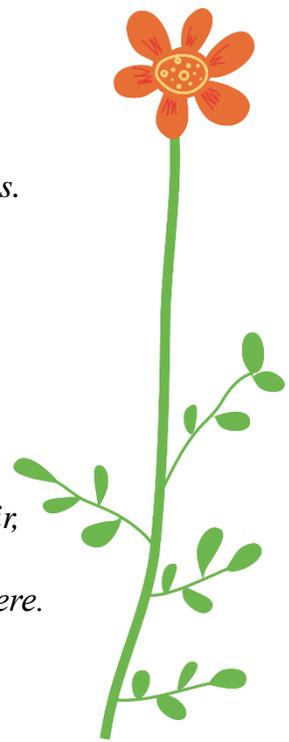
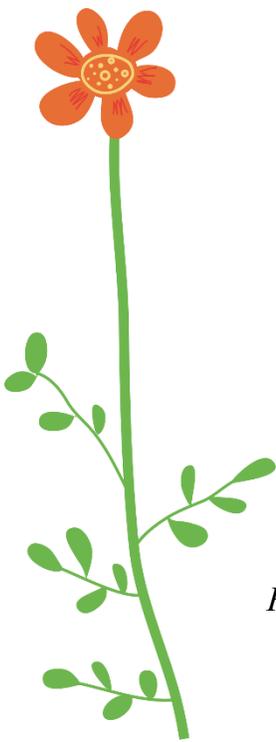
*I woke up one morning from a long winter nap,
And found a most wonderful, pleasant surprise!
That spring had arrived on a lovely, warm breeze,
As if God had breathed it down from the heavenly skies.*

*The apple was budding, it seemed almost too soon,
Flowers were awakening from their ethereal dreams,
Birds were singing and spreading their wings,
Light clothed all creation in golden sun beams.*

*The sun warmed my back as I walked down the lane,
Fresh dew sparkled on the grass in the crystal clear air,
All seemed right in the world in the glorious day,
Peace reached out it's arms, hugged me and lingered there.*

*It put "spring" in my step and joy in my heart,
Could heaven and spring really be that far apart?*

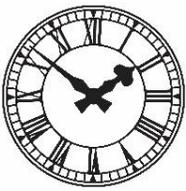
- Dave Young



Church Council – Meeting Summary

March 29, 2022

1. Council accepted the recommendation from the safety and security team to discontinue the safety monitor program. The need is being met by the installed security cameras/electronic monitors and scheduled ushers.
2. Barb Burmeister has retired after 10 years of volunteering her time to perform bookkeeper and payroll tasks. Thank you, Barb, for your excellent service to Holy Shepherd Lutheran Church!
3. Holy Shepherd will hire ADP to perform payroll services.
4. Council has asked the Office of the Bishop of the Rocky Mountain Synod for names of candidates for the Bridge Pastor position to assist Interim Pastor Julie.
5. Personnel task force (Melinda Powelson, Judy Ekberg, Pastor Julie) will meet in April to update job descriptions and the personnel review process.
6. NEW: Council will meet on the first Tuesday of the month beginning on May 3, 2022 at 6:00pm on Zoom.



Church Office & Staff Hours

**In-Office Hours: Tuesday – Thursday
8:00am to 12:00pm**

Donna Madsen, Secretary, will be available during this time.

**Pastor Julie Brooks
& Karen Novess office hours will vary
between working in the office and at home.**

To ensure that we are able to keep a safe environment we are requesting that you schedule an appointment to visit with a staff member. This will allow us to monitor the flow of individuals at one time in the building.

Holy Shepherd Staff & Council

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Chancel Choir & Praise Team

Handbell Director, Karen Novess



Lay Leadership Church Council

Lisa Grimm, President

Melinda Powelson, Vice President

Judy Ekberg, Secretary

Personnel: Vacant

Finance: Vacant

At-Large: Chase Evenson, Dave Irwin

Volunteer Opportunities



Pew Angels

Now that we are back to regular weekly Sunday Services, we are in need of a few Pew Angels. This job could be done at your convenience during the week. The pews need to be checked to make sure they are stocked with pencils, visitor welcome cards, envelopes and hand sanitizers prior to next worship service.

If you would like some quiet time in the sanctuary during the week, this might be something you would find joy in doing.

Please contact Donna Madsen at
dmadsen@holyshepherd.com or 303.233.2740 ex. 108

Funeral Reception Coordinator

The Funeral reception team has undergone a few changes these past few years based on the pandemic and the availability of volunteers. As we revamp this ministry we are looking for a leader who would oversee the coordination of this team. We have planned 3 potential phases of what this ministry could possibly grow into. At this time we are only operating in Phase 1 which does not include food (ordering/setting up and serving). Families will be setting up their own caterer for food.

Below is a list what the coordinator would be responsible for:

- Schedule team members for:
 - Set up/Take down table dressings
 - Table cloths/ Launder
 - Centerpieces
 - Flowers purchased to be placed in the centerpiece
 - Drink Station (if requested by family)
 - Set up area
 - Table cloths, extra table if needed
 - Make coffee tea, lemonade, water etc.
 - Oversee the area during the reception and help serve drinks, if needed.
 - Clean up station
 - Monitor for the reception
 - Available for questions from family/caterer
- Continue to recruit volunteers to be a part of this ministry.

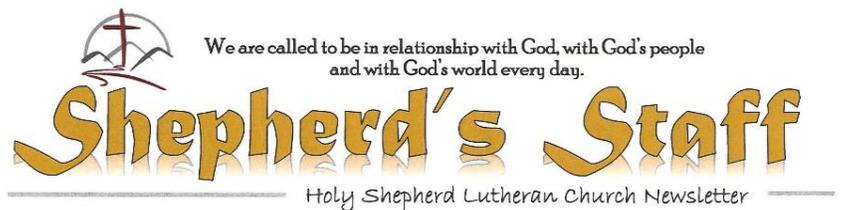
This ministry already has numerous volunteers ready to help when needed!

Please contact Karen Novess knovess@holyshepherd.com or 303.233.2740 ex. 101, if you have any questions and/or would like to volunteer for this position.



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Worshiping and Growing Together in Christ,
Serving and Reaching Out Joyfully to All!



May 1, 2022